

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Pasquale Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Sam Muzio, Michael Zuccarelli, Peter Criscuolo, Daniel Fleming, Chief Vincent Landisio and Deputy Chief David Marcarelli.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of July 27, 2011. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting held on August 22, 2011. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

The Chief's report was given; he spoke of items involving the department such as the alarms, Hurricane Irene and the effects it had on the Town, Recruit John Bysko, Live Fire training held with department members, status of FF Chris Shea, the labor agreement; and the training in department. Lastly, he stated he had one (1) injury/sick leave report to be discussed in executive session. Chairman Nuzzolillo agreed.

Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked all the members of the department for their help during Storm Irene as well as for the residents of the Town of North Haven.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the correspondences received within the department. Three (3) thank you letters and one (1) leave of absence to be discussed in executive session. Chairman Nuzzolillo agreed.

Chairman Nuzzolillo received photos from Marty Carlo Jr. of the recent functions that occurred at Fire Headquarters and he thanked him for all he does for the department.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business for the department. He spoke of the Recruit; the 2012 Parade/Convention committee who will be looking for more members to assist; budget status of the department; lastly, fire apparatus bids are in (Smeal & Pierce), it was a long process but the low bidder was Smeal at \$372K which is significantly under.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for a motion to purchase apparatus to replace Engine 7. Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to purchase the new apparatus for \$372K. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo spoke of the recent Convention/Parade in Clinton in which he learned a great deal. It was a learning experience for us to critique. Our convention/parade will be a significant opportunity for us to showcase our department in September 2012 on our 100th Anniversary. The department will be going out to assist

in raising money for this event. Congratulations to Clinton on doing a great job and our department looks forward to hosting it next year.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the new business in the department. He discussed the Town meeting that was held on September 27, 2011. All residents present and watching at home – the presentation put forth by the Fire Department had to be impressed with what was shown to them. The Building Committee worked hard over last eight (8) months. Some of the stations are deplorable. All residents will have the opportunity to vote in December and we expect the community to respond to the fire departments needs. Open houses will be held Sunday, October 16 & November 20, 2011 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Any person who wishes to tour any of the stations is more than welcome. There will be a press release in the local newspapers for more dates and times.

Commissioner Criscuolo touched on the presentation of the fire houses and thanked Jim Buck for a great presentation. He also discussed the fact that a comment was made at the meeting regarding funding from Quinnipiac University or any other avenue. No grants were available and he spoke to Hamden’s fire department and no funding was received from any colleges for their buildings.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated the referendum vote will take place sometime in December once established notification will take place. It is the intention of the fire services to inform residents so they clearly understand what is going on. It is imperative to update these infrastructures for the next 50 years. The department is asking the public to help us help you by being prepared so personnel have best training and best infrastructure for them to be in a safe, healthy working environment. Be supportive of the fire services and vote “Yes” to support the line item for fire services to receive funds to do this.

Chief Landisio discussed the good of the department. He spoke of the 9-11 ceremony that took place at fire headquarters to remember those that participated in 2001; North Haven Fair – all went well with a great job by all; career firefighters participated in the Muscular Dystrophy fund raiser throughout the summer; lastly, bike helmet safety day once again is under way for 1st graders in Town, this is a great service the career firefighters do for residents of the community for free.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanked Chief Landisio for the 9-11 ceremony and all that participated as well including the clergy that spoke. Also, that evening a service was held at a local church and the people were thankful for the Police and Fire services in Town.

Chief Landisio spoke of Deputy Chief Marcarelli is currently at Fire Marshal class until early December when he will be finished. Deputy Chief Marcarelli then stated that all is going well at class.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Muzio moved to convene an executive session at 6:35 PM. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded. Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to accept the leave of absence of Stephen Jahn of Montowese Co. # 2 for one (1) year, effective immediately. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to accept Michael Montanaro as a probationary member of Montowese Company # 2, effective immediately and Matthew Prunier as a probationary member of Montowese Company # 2, pending medical. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the recent decision of Chief Landisio to dismiss Michael Cieplak from West Ridge Co. # 2. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to terminate probationary member Rebecca Esposito of West Ridge Co. # 3, effective immediately. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion based on conversations with Captain Tim Mayer and Chief Vincent Landisio to accept the retirement of Bertram Martus from West Ridge Co. # 3, effective immediately. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo congratulated Bert Martus on retirement based on conversations with Captain Tim Mayer and Chief Vincent Landisio and thanked him for his 50+ years of service. He served the town well with the North Haven Fire Department.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Phil James had two (2) issues to discuss – pies for sale at Northeast Co. # 4 for fund raiser they are doing and the deadline is October 11, 2011. Lastly, in future town meetings the keys to success are the people who speak at them. Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked him for his comments. Lastly, Chief Landisio spoke of a sale going on at Fire Headquarters for FF Chris Shea who is serving in Afghanistan with proceeds going to the Seal Charity.

Therefore, there being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved for adjournment at 7:15 PM. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Zuccarelli, Secretary

The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2011 at the Park & Rec. Center in the Game Room at 6:00 P.M.